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The outcome of pending case *Arthrocare v. Smith and Nephew, Inc.*, C.A. No. 01-504-SLR, has a material bearing on the patentability of the claims in this application. The prosecution of this application is **SUSPENDED** until the decision of the Federal Court is forwarded to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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